## **PATENT**

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Title: VIDEO ENCODING METHOD AND APPARATUS,

VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS, PROGRAMS THEREFOR, AND STORAGE MEDIA FOR

STORING THE PROGRAMS

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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>September 13, 2011</u>, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.